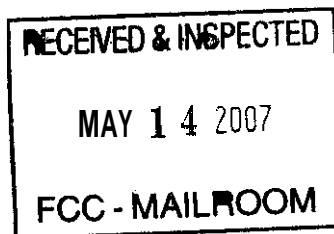


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RE: WC Docket No. 02-60 (Rural Health Care Mechanism Pilot Program)

Dear Office of the Secretary:

Western Community Health Resources (WCHR) collaborates with communities in the Panhandle of Nebraska; we provide quality health and human services. Our vision for the members of **our** community **is** that they are respected, informed and empowered. As Director of the WCHR I would like to submit this letter in support of the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network (RNHN).

Collaborative efforts in the "frontier" of Western Nebraska keep Health Care and the promotion of new ideas and efforts going strong and in a forward motion. It takes every hospital within the RNHN and all the Health Entities working extremely close together to make the Panhandle move ahead in Health Care not diminish or vanish completely.

With the funding that the FCC is offering through the Pilot Program you would not only enhance the medical institutions but all the collaborative partners that work diligently to push ourselves into well prepared managers of Healthcare. The list is endless for the possibilities that can happen with this fiber connectivity that the Pilot Program has been written for. In all the extended services outside the RNHN hospitals, we look to the hospitals as leaders and promoters of health issues being faced today. Within the collaborative process we all work together to address those issues.

This would benefit over 90,000 residents of the Panhandle that rely not only the hospitals but all outreach services that are a continuation of these rural hospitals. We at the WCHR are certainly on of those services that would benefit with the proposed connectivity.

I "thank you" for your consideration of this request and the time put forth in this Rural Health Care Mechanism Pilot Program.

Sincerely,

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